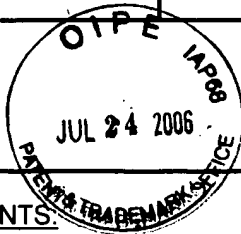
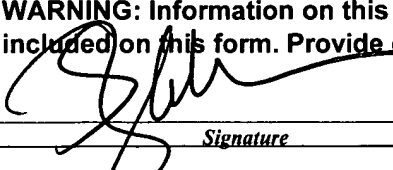


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>86654-3</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Richard NORMAN</b>						
Application No. <b>10/677,333</b>	Filing Date <b>October 3, 2003</b>	Examiner <b>Nadeem IQBAL</b>	Customer No. <b>28291</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2114</b>	Confirmation No. <b>8771</b>	
Invention: <b>CONNECTOR WITH FAULT TOLERANCE</b>						
						
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
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**REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and re-examine the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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